

EMMA MIRIAM CASPER
JACKLIN CLEGG



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father had two wives and maintained two homes for them. Each mother was good to all the children and they all got along well together.

She went to school in the old town hall, with Alva N. Murdock as a teacher. She gained all her education there. The hall was used for all recreation and other meetings. Church was held in a little red building northwest of the schoolhouse.

When the weather was warm and the high water gone, she was baptized in Provo River west of Charleston by Emmanuel Richman.

She learned to knit while very young, so she knitted her own stockings and helped knit for the younger children. For recreation the girls would get together to sew carpet rags for floor carpets. She worked for families to help earn money to keep her father on a mission to the Southern States when she was 12 years old. One lady she worked for during this time taught her to crochet. She worked for Mrs. J. M. Ritchie while Mrs. Ritchie worked at the old Co-op store in Charleston to keep her husband on a mission. Emma kept the house, cared for two little girls and cooked for the hired man.

In the spring of 1900, at the request of one of her father's missionary companions, she went to work in American Fork. After their marriage the couple lived and worked on his father's farm in American Fork and in 1905 made arrangements to buy it. Her husband died, leaving Emma with three small children, Earl, Leo and Ethel. Five months later, after she had moved back to Charleston, where her youngest daughter, Ernestine, was born.

A few years later Leo was taken ill with a sickness which paralyzed his legs. With good care from his mother, relatives and friends, he lived for five years. He died December 11, 1916.

After she married Henry X. Clegg they lived in Charleston, where she worked in the Primary until 1918, when they moved to Daniel, where the children grew up. In Daniel she was president of the YWMIA for four years, a Sunday School teacher, a teacher and visiting teacher in the Relief Society.

She also reared Victor Offeret, who came to live with them in July, 1921. His mother

died when he was five years old and his father, not being able to care for his large family, placed them in foster homes.

Henry and Emma had just started to enjoy life after their families were grown and married. Now Emma, 77, cares for her home, pieces quilts, and crochets for her grandchildren and friends and reads a great deal.

Her children are: Earl George, Leo, Ethel, Ernestine, Victor Offeret and Olive Clegg.

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